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## STRIKE OIL IN SHALLOW WILDCAT

### Campaign For Torrance Charity Fund Set For Next Week

## \$1500 IS GOAL OF DRIVE

Relief Society Budget is \$1,000; Balance for Scouts, Emergencies  
POST URGES GENEROSITY  
Citywide Canvass Will Be Made by Men and Women

Residents of Torrance will be asked next week to subscribe \$1500 to be expended during the ensuing year for charitable purposes in this city.

The campaign, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, is based on the idea that this one collection of funds will provide the money necessary for the Torrance Relief Society, the Boy Scouts, and set up a small contingency fund for emergencies.

The Chamber of Commerce originally voted to conduct a campaign for \$1000 for the Torrance Relief Society. Later it was deemed advisable to include the annual Boy Scout budget in the total and combine the two necessary campaigns in one.

Members of the relief society themselves will make a house-to-house canvass. Business men, under the direction of J. W. Post, general chairman of the campaign, will solicit from commercial houses and industries.

"The Torrance Relief Society," said Mr. Post today, "needs no introduction to the people of Torrance. Its efficient and humane manner of functioning is conducted without one penny of overhead. Every cent collected for this organization goes for charity. How well the women of the body have served Torrance is indicated by the fact that Torrance is the only Southern California city that has never sent a patient to the county for charity."

"The Boy Scout organization and the splendid work this body accomplishes with the youth of the land are well known to all. The Torrance boys need a meeting place. This costs money. The campaign will seek to raise the necessary funds.

"Every person in Torrance should contribute next week. Small contributions are as welcome as large ones."

## School Play Is Full of Pep and Lots of Action

Rehearsal Proves "Pickles" Will Be Entertaining to Everyone

An evening full of fun and laughter was enjoyed by those who were lucky enough to attend dress rehearsal of "Pickles" Tuesday evening.

Some of the highlights were Lex Briney with his lightning camera snaps, the shy love-making of Edward Price, Martha Lingenfelter's coy delight in winning a nice "husband," Thomas Daugherty and Harry Neherfahl as red-coated cops will be long remembered. And don't worry for fear you can't hear Harry Phillips, the inn-keeper, when he gives orders.

Wives, look out for your husbands; Geneva Holland, the captivating merry widow, wins all hearts. Walter Zaver, the bold, bad hand, is thwarted in his attempts to hold the charming Johanna in durance vile, and Johanna, the gypsy fortune-teller, prophesies that all who fail to get a good seat early will miss a very pleasant evening Friday, Nov. 20.

Tickets and reserved seats at Holley's Drug Store. Evening prices, 25 and 50 cents, Friday matinee, 15 and 25 cents, Friday afternoon at 2:30.

## CHARMING



Mrs. Frederick C. Nano, wife of the secretary of the Rumanian legation at Washington, has returned to the capital after a visit home. She is a charming matron and considered the most beautiful of the diplomatic wives in Washington.

## Board Orders School Ground Tennis Courts

L. A. Officials Readily Respond to Torrance C. of C. Request

Torrance will soon be provided with two first class tennis courts, to be constructed on the school grounds by the Los Angeles Board of Education.

This was assured Tuesday when Carl Hyde, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, received a letter from the secretary of the school board, informing him that the board had authorized the drawing of plans for the courts and the advertising for bids for their construction.

The action of the board was taken at the request of the school committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. A letter from the local chamber met with ready response from the board. The directors of the Torrance chamber instructed Mr. Hyde to write a letter of appreciation to the Board of Education for their determination to supply a great demand here for the courts.

It is expected that the courts will be electrically lighted, so that tennis may be played at night. The courts will be for the use of the public as well as the students of the schools.

Mr. Hyde received a second letter from the Board of Education stating that the lawn spaces adjacent to the school will be beautified with lawn and shrubs. A sprinkling system will be installed. The cost of this improvement will be \$549. It is estimated that the tennis courts, complete with barriers, equipment and lights, will cost in the neighborhood of \$3000.

Principal Herbert Wood aided the Chamber of Commerce in representing the need of the courts and the desire for the improvement of the grounds.

## Remove Quarterly Tax on Oil Rigs

The quarterly business license tax of \$8 per oil derrick, which the city of Torrance is now assessing, will be discontinued by the ordinance which passed first reading Monday night. Oil companies will be taxed, under the new ordinance, the same as any other business.

The trustees feel that the quarterly tax on each derrick is unwarranted. In this connection it is interesting to know that oil companies with rigs in Torrance have paid more than \$40,000 to the city under the \$250 road tax on each derrick. This tax was apart from the business license tax and the money was all used for road repairs working in the oil district. The Chancellor-Carfield Midway Oil Company alone paid approximately \$30,000 road tax to the city.

This \$250 tax was imposed with the consent of the oil companies. In the expenditure of the money work was provided for a number of Torrance men over an extended period.

## Miss Buchanan, Kin of Former President, Dies

Sufferer Since Childhood, Gentle Woman Expires Friday Evening

Her many friends and acquaintances were greatly shocked Friday evening to learn of the sudden death of Miss Minnie V. Buchanan, who for five years past has made her home here with her sister, Mrs. J. Maxwell Wright, 1024 North Arlington avenue.

Although afflicted with arthritis since 6 years of age, Miss Buchanan was ever a patient, gentle sufferer. She left Torrance last Friday morning cheerily, to undergo a minor operation which she believed would result in better health. With Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Murray and her sister, Mrs. Della Porter, accompanying her, she was taken to the Anaheim Hospital. The operation, apparently successful, was performed, but the shock was too great for the frail body, and at 6 o'clock her spirit slipped gently away.

Recalled History  
Miss Buchanan's birthplace was Warrenton, Va. She was the youngest of a family of ten born to Cummins and Elizabeth Martin Buchanan. Descendant of early Virginian culture, Miss Buchanan could tell of days of stately Southern hospitality, of the part played by her maternal grandfather in the framing of the constitution of West Virginia, of his years in Congress, and the stirring episode of the arrest, trial and execution of John Brown, of which he was an eyewitness, being then a United States marshal under President Buchanan, his cousin.

A keen, well-read student of world affairs, interested in medical and scientific discoveries, Miss Buchanan was several times a patient in the Johns Hopkins and Peter Erskine Hospitals, where her case attracted the attention of some of the world's greatest specialists. Before coming to California she had spent some years in Massachusetts and Oregon. Her daily effort to be cheerful, her desire to be of service to all, often lent a semblance of strength she did not possess. She so loved life in all its colors, the beauty of character, and the doing of sweet kindly deeds for others; sadly will her inspirational life and brave, dauntless spirit be missed by those who knew her best.

The following sisters and brothers are left to mourn her passing: Mrs. R. B. Adams and Miss Annie Buchanan, of Worcester, Mass.; F. B. Buchanan, L. R. Buchanan and Blanche W. Buchanan, of Warrenton, Va.; F. Murray Buchanan of Cottage Grove, Ore.; and Mrs. Fannie Wright and Mrs. Della Porter, of Torrance.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the Central Evangelical Church. Interment was made at Inglewood.

## Firemen's Ball To Take Place Saturday Night

Orchestra of Women Will Play at Recreational Center Hall

One event that the people of Torrance always anticipate with pleasure and attend with the certainty of having a good time is the annual ball of the Torrance Volunteer Fire Department. And this affair is scheduled to take place Saturday night at the American Recreational Center Hall on Carson street.

The firemen have been pretty busy making arrangements for the party and have evolved some novel entertainment features. An orchestra of women will furnish the music.

## Food Sale to Be Held Saturday

The women of the Central Evangelical Church Guild will hold a food sale at Renn's Grocery, Carson street, Saturday morning. Home-made plum pudding and mince meat will be among the choice offerings.

## Observations

The Cree Indians—The Buddhists Send Us a Missionary—Prophets and People—Berlin Royalists' Folly—The Sad Case of Red Grange

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THE Cree Indians of Canada are delightfully sketched in an article by James Cain in the current American Mercury. According to Cain the Cree does not know the meaning of dishonesty. He will starve before he steals from another's trap lines. He has no conception of what it is to tell a lie. He is grounded in a fine morality inherited from his ancestors.

He lives from his traps in a country laced with streams on which he travels in a canoe. He is a stalwart, honest, free and independent person. Yet we whitish send missionaries to him. They cannot teach him morality, for his morals are better than ours. So they invent bad conditions for him and seek to transform him from a trapper into a farmer. This is missionary work gone crazy, descended to mere meddling.

SPEAKING of missionaries, those who read their daily paper closely probably noticed the other day news of the arrival in this country of the brother-in-law of the Emperor of Japan, who comes here for the purpose of surveying the United States as a field for Buddhist missionaries.

His interview is replete with the subtlety of the East. Without apology he merely states that he is here as a leading Buddhist missionary. The fact that he comes is sufficient to give us Christians pause.

ARE our missionary societies in the Orient operating as non-sensically as those among the Crees? I certainly will not say that they are. For I do not know.

At the same time the facts that Buddhists send a missionary here and promise to send more indicate that Buddhists consider us as needful of guidance as we regard them. God alone knows which of us is the more depraved. The chief question seems to be just which prophet more perfectly represents the God that knows—just which conception of the Almighty is the more acceptable.

It is likely that no immediate agreement on this subject will be reached.

DOWN in Kentucky they take their elections seriously. In Leslie County, where two votes decided the election of a sheriff, it was necessary to call out the state militia to quell the disorder that followed the counting of the ballots.

Buddhists probably could point out to us the folly of so much tempest in such a small teapot.

In an eastern court the divorce suit of Mr. Kip Rhinelander from his wife of asserted negro blood commands the attention usually accorded in this country to the troubles of the rich. The Buddhists might tell us that in the eyes of God a marriage vow is not to be lightly regarded, no matter what the conditions under which it was taken.

IN St. Louis an aged burglar is wounded while robbing a church. The Buddhists might tell us that in the East places of worship are never desecrated.

The nations of Christendom very recently were engaged in a terrible campaign of wholesale murder.

The Buddhists might tell us that we had best put our own house in order before sending the broom across the Pacific. Christ, Solomon, Buddha, Confucius, were all great prophets. The great trouble with the world is that people revere them without putting their divine teachings into practice.

ROYALISTS in Berlin have united in an attempt to defeat ratification of the Locarno treaties.

Thus there sweeps over Germany an echo of the doctrines that plunged all Christendom and some of the rest of the world into the greatest war of all history.

The treaties of Locarno represent the hope of the people of the world—the sublime hope for peace that rises up from the homely humbleness of a billion hearts.

That German royalists, whose selfish greed contributed more than any other element to the causes of the late war, will once more seek to mount the Four Horsemen in Europe is inconceivable. If the German people have their way the treaties will be ratified. If the ratification is defeated, the blame lies directly at the door of those who, unmindful of the horrors of 1914-1918, seek once more to saddle Germany with a czar.

THE sad thing about the great American college game of football is the publicity that attends it—particularly that which lionizes an individual star.

Consider the case of Red Grange, the fleet halfback of the University of Illinois. Last year Grange flashed across the horizon as one of the greatest backfield men that ever tucked the leather under his arm. His exploits were heralded far and wide in a press that loves to capitalize the spectacular.

This year Grange wrote his name once again in bright letters across the football firmament by his remarkable playing against the University of Pennsylvania.

I have no case against the publication of news regarding Grange's feats on the football field. But it is nauseating to see newspapers publishing serial stories of his life—as though he were an ex-President.

GRANGE is a boy. So are all the lads who play on college football teams. Sport editors should remember this when they handle football news. To open their columns with tales of how Grange is going into the film, is asked to run for Congress, is idolized by the co-eds at Illinois, is as sickening to the public as it probably is to Grange. Strange as it may seem, there really is a purpose underlying our universities other than that of presenting a winning football team. Overexploitation of news about such a man as Grange blurs the eyes of the youth of the country to the real purpose of colleges. If a college lad is a great football player the sports editors should tell of his exploits and leave to the imagination the manner in which he ties his cravat.

## South African Oil Man Buys From Torrance

Ed Kelly Exports Clothes to Oil Workers in Anjola

This is the story of Ed Kelly and Earl C. Fuller—a story of Torrance and South Africa—and the entrance of this Southern California city into world trade.

It was during the period of intensive oil well drilling in the Torrance field that Earl Fuller first came into Ed Kelly's store on Carson avenue and bought some merchandise. Living in Fullerton, but working in the Torrance field, Fuller became a regular customer at Kelly's.

The drilling boom died down. Fuller was transferred. Last summer the Sinclair Oil Company notified him to pack up and get ready to go to Anjola, Africa. He is there now.

Once settled down in South Africa, young Fuller checked up on his wardrobe and found that he needed some more working clothes. The stores in Anjola presented few articles that constitute part of an oil man's field apparel. So Earl Fuller just sat down and wrote a letter to Ed Kelly.

Result: Ed Kelly this week shipped to Earl Fuller at Anjola, South Africa, \$130 worth of merchandise.

"The export business is good," says Ed Kelly.

## Mrs. C. L. Welch Is Dead at Age of 83

Mrs. Catherine Luttmann Welch passed away last Thursday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Scott, 1612 220th street. Death followed an illness of two days.

Born in York, Pa., Sept. 14, 1842, Mrs. Welch lived there for 72 years. After several years' residence in Denver, Colo., Mrs. Welch came to Torrance two years ago with Mrs. Scott, with whom she had made her home for some time.

A wonderful Christian character, Mother Welch was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church all her life. She was loved by all for her winsome smile and cheery words. Such a character is a benediction to all who come under its influence.

Mrs. Welch, a widow for 38 years, is survived by four of her twelve children; one daughter, Mrs. Scott, of Torrance, and three sons, John L. Welch, of Los Angeles, and George L. and Albert Welch, of York, Pa.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning at Stone and Myers' chapel by Rev. F. A. Zeller. Interment was made at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

## Name Mrs. Fess Worthy Matron Of Eastern Star

Other Officers of Torrance Chapter Elected on Thursday Night

At the regular meeting of the Torrance chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, held last Thursday evening, the following officers were elected for 1925: Worthy matron, Fessie K. Fess; worthy patron, Perry G. Briney; associate matron, Loma Turner; conductress, L. Mae Tomkins; associate conductress, Lillian Shriner; secretary, Hermoine Oetken; treasurer, Julia Neseland.

Installation of officers will take place Thursday evening, Dec. 10.

## Parent-Teachers Postpone Tag Day

The P.-T. A. Tag Day postponed for Friday has been scheduled until Monday, according to an announcement made by Mrs. George H. Shilder, president.

The money from Tag Day will be used at the schools, and contributions, no matter how small, will be welcome. By the way, you may become a member of the P.-T. A. for four bits. Why don't you join?

## FRAUD CHARGE



Thomas W. Miller, formerly alien property custodian, has been indicted by a federal grand jury in New York, charged with having defrauded the government out of \$7,000,000. It is claimed Miller resold confiscated stocks to original German owners after the World War ended.

## Plan Fountain Memorial For City's Founder

Trustees Approve Idea of Monument in Front of School

The people of Torrance, through the municipal government, will erect a memorial to the late Jared Sidney Torrance, founder of this city. The frequently proposed plan for such a commemoration of the far-visions man who planned Torrance crystallized in action Monday night when the Board of Trustees requested the City Planning Commission to have several plans for a fountain-memorial prepared. The action came as the result of a request from the commission that the board authorize a monument to Mr. Torrance to be erected in the park in front of the high school. The trustees voted unanimously in approval of the idea.

Propose Changes  
Numerous other recommendations of the planners were acted upon by the trustees Monday night. They were as follows:

1—That property on Redondo boulevard between Madrid and Madrona avenues be zoned against business. The ordinance committee was instructed to prepare an ordinance so zoning the territory.

2—That the territory bounded by Carson street, Madrid avenue, the Santa Fe tracks and Madrid avenue be zoned for single-family dwellings. The board ordered an ordinance drafted to this effect.

3—That property east of Cedar avenue and south of Carson street be zoned for industrial purposes. The board approved the idea and will later discuss the boundaries of the proposed industrial area.

4—That markers to be lighted at night be placed at the entrances into Torrance of Western avenue and East road, directing traffic through and out of Torrance. The board referred this matter to the police committee and the city engineer.

5—That lots on Border avenue between Carson street and 220th street be zoned for industry. The board ordered such zoning embodied in an ordinance.

## Elks Charity Ball Set for Dec. 7th

The fifth annual charity ball of the Redondo Lodge of Elks, given by the Elks Charity Association, will be a masquerade to be held on Monday night, Dec. 7, at the P. E. dance pavilion in Redondo. Two hundred dollars' worth of prizes will be awarded to winners of various contests. The committee in charge of the ball is as follows: Louis Field, chairman; T. T. Gardner, W. O. Van Tress, Charles Robison, Thomas Blair.

The next regular business session, initiation and show of the Redondo Elks will be held Tuesday night, Nov. 24.

## THIRTY-FT. STRATUM LOGGED

Garner Company Reams Keystone Hole Preparatory for Test  
SEE 15-BARREL YIELD

Expect Sand to Give Up Commercial Quantity From 660 Feet

That production of oil will be obtained from the shallow well being drilled in the shoestring strip east of Torrance was the belief of the Garner Oil Company early this week when the bit reached the 660-foot level.

It was officially announced by the company Tuesday that a 30-foot stratum of shale and oil sand had been picked up and that the hole would be reamed at once preparatory to setting pipe for the balling test.

Representatives of the company believe that the 30-foot stratum will provide from 10 to 15 barrels a day on the pump. Oil coming up from the hole tested about 80 degrees gravity, according to a representative of the company.

Mr. Garner announced Tuesday that another hole would be drilled in a few days. The location of the second well has not been decided upon.

Production of 10 or 15 barrels a day would be highly profitable from 660 feet. In the territory included in the 100-acre community lease to Garner, a hole can be drilled to 700 feet in two or three days.

## Outfall Sewer Location Is Up For Rehearing

Compromise on Sanitary District Outlet Seen in Discussion

At the rehearing yesterday before the State Board of Health on the application of the county sanitation districts for permission to construct an outfall sewer at White's Point, the protestors were assured that they would be allowed from 60 to 90 days in which to make investigations and file their findings with the State Board of Health. Representatives of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce and other citizens opposed the contemplated location of the outfall sewer on the ground that it would create a nuisance along the coast in that vicinity. The protestors suggested that the outfall sewer could be placed off the breakwater without detrimental effect to the beaches or to the harbor.

The hearing of this matter before the State Board of Health was closed last June, at which time only one property owner appeared to make protest. Although the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce was not represented at the original hearing, the State Board of Health set the matter for rehearing upon the request of that organization to insure no hasty action being taken.

Chief Engineer Warren, representing the county sanitation districts, stated that the county sanitation districts were more than willing to co-operate with San Pedro in working out any other feasible location for the outfall sewer.

Councilman Colden, who represents the San Pedro area, stated after the meeting that if the location of the outfall was changed to go off the end of the breakwater, a free right of way across all harbor lands could be furnished by the Board of Harbor Commissioners. "We realize," he said, "the desirability of having both sewer outfall on the south coast, but we are unalterably opposed to placing this outfall at White's Point."